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Dr. Roy Sakaida
California Regional Water
Quality Control Board -
Los Angeles (CRWQCB-LA)
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Subject: Groundwater Sampling of Landfill Monitoring Wells

Dear Roy:

While reviewing the ongoing monitoring of groundwater quality in the San Fernando Valley, I have noticed several areas in which existing water quality data is more than a few years old. The locations of these data sets are in the vicinity of former landfill in the North Hollywood area. Specifically, these former landfills are referred to in EPA's GIS database as:

- Bradley Landfill and Recycling
- Sheldon-Arleta Sanitary Landfill
- Penrose Landfill
- Hewitt Landfill
- Newberry Landfill
- Tuxford Landfill
- Calmat Landfill
- Gregg Pitt
- Strathern Pit

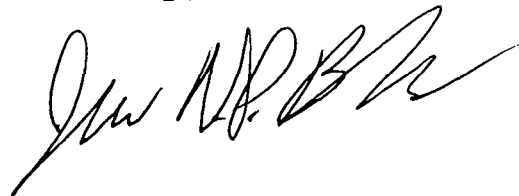
EPA is proposing to conduct a sampling event for the monitoring well networks installed at these former landfills. This sampling event would provide current groundwater quality and groundwater level data in areas upgradient to the currently known plume of groundwater contamination in the North Hollywood area. EPA is aware that a number of the monitoring wells installed at these landfills during completion of the SWAT studies either may not exist in a condition allowing representative groundwater samples to be collected or may no longer exist at all. To conduct the groundwater sampling event in the most efficient manner, it is EPA's proposal to divide the scope of work into two phases: 1) monitoring wells and 2) groundwater sampling.

The assessment phase is projected to occur during the month of

June. This would allow the sampling effort to be scheduled either concurrently with the upcoming third quarter RI monitoring well sampling event (late July) or immediately afterward, to reduce implementation costs.

EPA requests that the CRWQCB-LA provide a current list of the operators at the above mentioned landfills for the purposes of gaining access to the properties during both phases of the proposed work. In addition, I or representatives of CH2M Hill, the technical contractor which will be conducting the sampling event, may call your staff to request assistance in gaining access to the landfills. Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated. Please respond within one week to allow for a timely completion of this sampling project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim N.P. Black", written in a cursive style.

James N.P. Black, Ph.D.
San Fernando Superfund Team

cc: Andy Austin, CH2M Hill
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